



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

July 21, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Eucharistic Congress was a huge success thanks to Bishop Baker, who wanted to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese with this Eucharistic devotion. It centered on the Holy Sacrifice, Benediction and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The theme of Called, Formed and Sent was presented by various speakers in separate rooms, but, especially hitting the knit and gritty of it all was the presentation by Curtis Martin.

Curtis Martin, sensing the fact that 80% of the children from good Catholic homes who go off to college do not remain active in the faith, came up with one of the most successful organizations to stop this leakage, which is due to the secularization of the typical college campus. The organization is FOCUS.

When going off to college, students get a false sense of freedom from parent supervision and even from the Church and religion. To combat this leakage is the FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) program. For those who are involved in this program, 85% stay in the faith. What is FOCUS? It is college age students lighting and spreading the fire of the faith. Some FOCUS leaders are still in college and others have finished and are wholeheartedly committed to influencing students with bible study classes, practical theological talks and attendance at the Holy Sacrifice. Here in our own back yard we have an example of the great success of FOCUS, Ginny Dooley.

Ginny Dooley credits FOCUS for her conversion back to her Catholic faith and spiritual growth. She writes:

“I was living a typical college lifestyle And not prioritizing Mass or the faith. A FOCUS missionary invited me to a bible study and I said, ‘yes,’ merely because it involved ‘free food.’

It was my first time to dive into Scripture and be surrounded by like-minded people. I never had Catholic friends before joining that study.”

Ginny, after college, became a FOCUS missionary for two years. First, there was eight weeks of training before being sent to a specific college campus. She served a year at Ave Maria University in Florida and also at ULL in Lafayette, Louisiana for another year. She had to beg from friends and the local parish for the \$20,000 a year for living expenses and materials to be used in evangelizing. She told people they would share in her missionary work.

Her training, eight weeks for two summers, was centered around the Eucharist, group Scripture studies and learning techniques of approaching college students. Each day a FOCUS missionary attends Mass, makes a Holy Hour and says the Rosary.

With the above in mind, we understand why Curtis Martin, who started FOCUS 32 years ago and is in 163 campuses in the U.S., was one of the great speakers at the Eucharistic Congress. The whole program is centered around the Eucharist and one person's conversion explained (sounds like the approach of the great Apostle, St. Paul).

OLS parish has supported a number of FOCUS missionaries. Years ago, I first heard of FOCUS missionaries when someone told me John and Ann Hardin donated to the missionary work of a girl named Ginny. I wondered why? Now, I know...Ginny, now married to Eric Dooley (just had their second child – Congrats!) has carried her missionary zeal over into the great job she does as a youth minister at OLS.

FOCUS is growing and is one of the best ways to prevent the leakage of our youth from the faith in their college years. Thank you, Curtis Martin, Founder of FOCUS.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, July 22	Special Intention Rosemary Savage Carmen Mejia
Tuesday, July 23	Dolores Sampedro Sam Pillitteri Harry Kimmel
Wednesday, July 24	Special Intention Catherine Taylor Dorothy Holman
Thursday, July 25	Msgr. Eugene O'Connor Sp. Int. Mike Carter Sp. Int. OLS Shut-Ins
Friday, July 26	Special Intention Julia Riepele Cabrera Deceased of OLS
Saturday, July 27	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Mike Carter James Joseph Fox, Jr.
Sunday, July 28	People of the Parish Maddalena Mastropasqua Mary Farr



Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Melanie Gilchrist, Kennie Skellie

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Wednesday at 6 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Wednesday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Thursday 12 Midnight (New Vacancy)**
- Thursday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 11 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Sunday at 2 PM (Share with Partner)**

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed, but do select an hour that best fits your schedule. Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.

***What's Going on in Youth Ministry?***

**Saturday, August 3:** Catholic Youth on a Mission service day! Email carol@olsyouth.com for details.

**Life Teen High School**

**Wednesday, July 24:** Basketball Tournament vs. St. Peter's youth group! Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; we will start the gym games at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 31:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Pool Noodle Game Night! Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a variety of games and competitions involving pool noodles until 8:30.

**Edge Middle School**

**Tuesday, July 30:** Edge is going to the Grand River Drive-In! Meet at the FLC at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own concession money. Tickets are FREE! Movie TBD.

**Elementary Children's Ministry**

**Wednesday, July 24:** "Drive-In" Movie Night in the Parish Hall! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket/pillow for the floor. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and show time at 6:15 p.m. *Movie TBD.*

**All 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Volunteers** and their families are invited to celebrate another job well done! Please join your friends on Wednesday, July 31, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall for food, fellowship and fun. In order to get an accurate head count for the caterer, we are asking that you RSVP. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule.

**Parish School of Religion (PSR) offers Faith Formation classes** for all ages from 3 year olds through high school.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!** Go to [www.olspsr.com](http://www.olspsr.com) to register or call Suzanne Corso or Tracy Doyal for more information at 871-1431. Or email at [psr@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:psr@ourladyofsorrows.com).

**Sacramental Preparation classes are two year programs.**

**First Holy Communion** – all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the class. The sacrament is received in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Confirmation** – All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the class. The sacrament is received in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Do you love to share your faith with others? Consider volunteering with our PSR program. There are many ways to help from being a catechist, an assistant or office volunteer. Call Suzanne Corso at 871-1431 or email at [dre@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:dre@ourladyofsorrows.com)

Do You Love to Sing? PSR is looking for someone to lead children ages 3-9 in music during PSR classes each Sunday from 10:00-11:15. The responsibility would be shared with another music leader. Call Suzanne Corso at 871 -1431 or email at [dre@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:dre@ourladyofsorrows.com).

### **Cavalier Football \$10,000 Giveaway**

The John Carroll Cavs Club is hosting a \$10,000 giveaway on Saturday, August 10, at the OLS Family Life Center from 6 -11 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$100 and include dinner for two, four drink tickets, and a chance to win door prizes. You do not have to be present to win. Only 400 tickets will be sold! Purchase yours today by clicking on the link at [www.jcchs.org](http://www.jcchs.org) or contact [colafrancsco@jcchs.org](mailto:colafrancsco@jcchs.org). GO CAVS!

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Rediscover the one you love on a get away from jobs, children, chores and phones...and focus only on each other. If you would like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you will like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Huntsville on July 19-21, at the Doubletree Hotel South. To register online go to [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or call Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.

### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham**

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on July 26 and 27**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CCROB Conference will be held on July 26 and July 27, in the Family Life Center. The conference theme is **“In the Name of Jesus.”** The speakers will be: Peter Herbeck and Johnette Benkovic Williams, along with Mass celebrants, Father Paul Asih and Father James Hedderman. The registration fee for individuals is \$20 and \$50 for a family of three or more. Register online at [www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org](http://www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org) or mail registration to: CCROB, 1164 Victoria Dr., McCalla, AL 35111. For further information contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947.



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